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I think that settlement proposed for the Microsoft is inadequate

The settlement acts to inoculate if not encourage anti-competitive practices in the future. Microsoft has not "gotten" that they did anything wrong.

They will continue to harm any legitimate completion and now have a settlement that serves as barrier to future complaints.

As an example, here is a phrase from a license that Microsoft offers.

Here Microsoft is directing themselves at non-profit competitors, in many cases volunteer programmers. I understand the need to protect intellectual property but this type of language intends to prevent any competition from gaining any sort of hold.

The Microsoft Windows Media Encoder 7.1 SDK EULA states

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